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SUMMARY. IN INTERVIEW WITH BEIRUT'S AL-BAYRAQ, SADAT REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH, BUT SAID IF US PRODUCES NOTHING, EGYPT WILL GO TO GENEVA. ASKED ABOUT USG "THREAT" TO OIL FIELDS, HE SAID THIS IS PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND IRRESPONSIBLE TALK." END SUMMARY.

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1. SADAT'S INTERVIEW WITH MILHIM KARAM, PUBLISHER OF BEIRUT

DAILY AL-BAYRAQ IS CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS JAN 10. FOLLOWING ARE HIGH POINTS.

2. GEOPOLITICS. COMMENTING ON HIS STRATEGIC PRESPECTIVE, SADAT MADE FOUR POINTS:

A) WE CANNOT BE ISOLATED FROM WORLD. US AND USSR ARE MAJOR WORLD POWERS AND BOTH AGREE ISRAEL IS A NECESSITY; BOTH REFUSE JEOPARDIZE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL.

B) ARABS MUST IMPORT ARMS, AND ARMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES IN GAME OF NATIONS.

C) ARABS INHABIT STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION WHERE BIG POWERS STRUGGLE TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE.

D) WE POSSESS WEAPONS AS STRONG AS WEAPONS OF WAR, VIZ. OIL AND CAPITAL.

2. GOE/USSR. WE AGREE WITH SOVIETS TO CONVENE GENEVA ASAP. "I CONSIDER POSTPONEMENT (OF BREZHNEV VISIT) WAS TO PROVIDE SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVENE CONFERENCE." (SIC). RE ARMS, "I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING FROM EAST OR WEST FOR 14 MONTHS."

3. USG/GOE. US AIM DURING OCTOBER WAR WAS "TO LIQUIDATE MY FORCES COMPLETELY, BY MEANS OF STUDIED MASS ANNIHILATION. THIS, MORE THAN ANTHING ELSE, MADE ME ACCEPT CEASEFIRE." AT PRESENT "US IS PERHAPS NOT MOVING WITH MUCH SPEED, OR THERE MIGHT BE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US OVER MANY POINTS. BUT THIS ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD GO BACK TO SHARP DISPUTES..." PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE BEEN "EAGER, UP TO NOW... TO FULFILL ALL THEIR PLEDGES TO US." NEXT FEW MONTHS CARRY DANGER OF EXPLOSION. "THERE IS STALEMATE, OR RATHER SLOW DOWN, INPROGRESS TOWARD SOLUTION". AFTER VLADIVOSTOK USG AND USSR, "GUARANTORS" OF RES. 338 AND GENEVA CONFERENCE, HELD DIFFERENT VIEWS: STEP-BY-STEP V. IMMEDIATE CONVENING OF GENEVA. GENEVA IS ONLY PLACE WE CAN MEET TO SOLVE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, "IF BETWEEN NOW AND TIME WE GO TO GENEVA, US CAN ACHIVE SOMETHING FOR US STEP-BY-STEP, I WILL WELCOME IT. IF IT IS UNABLE TO DO SO, WE WILL GO TO GENEVA..."

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4. US "THREAT" TO OIL FIELDS. "THIS IS NONSENSE AND IDLE TALK. WHOEVER TRIES SUCH A THING--THAT IS, IF THERE ARE ANY ADVENTUROUS MADMEN--WILL DEEPLY REGRET IT. IT IS PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND IRRESPONSIBLE TALK WHICH CANNOT DECEIVE ANYONE, BECAUSE THIS GAME CANNOT BE PLAYED IN OUR TIMES."

5. ALGERIA. BOUMEDIENE HAS PENETRATING PERSONALITY. MY

RELATIONSHIP WIT HIM IS EXCELLENT.

6. ISRAELI PROPOSALS. EGYPT HAS RECEIVED NO ISRAELI PROPOSALS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI AND THE GOLAN.

7. NUCLEAR REACTOR. ASKED IF EGYPT HAS ECONOMIC AND HUMAN POTENTIAL TO DEAL WITH NUCLEAR REACTOR US HAS "DECIDED TO GIVE TO EGYPT", SADAT SAID YES.

8. LIYBA. FUTURE OF GOE/LARG RELATIONS DEPEND ON QADHAAFI. ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, NUMAIRI INTERVENED AND WE RESPONDED. ON ARAB UNITY, SADAT SAID HE IS READY FOR ANY KIND OF UNITY BUT NOT BE QADHAAFI'S METHOD.

9. IRAN/IRAQ. ARABS AND IRAN OCCUPY SENSITIVE, DANGEROUS AREA COVETED BY ALL. WE MUST REMOVE WHATEVER MARS OUR RELATIONS SO THAT OUR FUTURE WILL NOT BE DICTATED TO US FROM ABROAD. IMPORTANT TOPIC IN DISCUSSION WITH SHAH WILL BE SOLVING IRAN/IRAQ CONFLICT. SADAT SAID HE SENT ENVOY TO AL-BAKR TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR TALKS WITH SHAH.

10. LEBANON. EGYPT IS PERFORMING ROLE AGREED ON IN FACE REPEATED ATTACKS ON LEBANON BUT SITUATION CALLS FOR GENERAL ARAB STAND. THERE IS TOO MUCH TALK AND NO ACTION.

11. INTERNAL. ASKED IF ALI SABRI AND HIS FRIENDS WOULD BE RELEASED, SADAT REPLIED "NOT YET". ASKED ABOUT HAYKAL'S RETURN TO AHRAM, SADAT SAID "NOTHING SO FAR". (AKHBAR SETS THIS SECTION OFF FOR SPECIAL NOTICE.)
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